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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Communication dated March 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect Group I (i.e., claims 1, 2, and 5), with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with the non-elected claims in the future.

Also, it is respectfully requested that new claims 6-8 be added as follows:

6. A method of detecting breast cancer in a patient comprising the steps of:
- (a) obtaining a test sample from said patient;

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